

Commercial Building Front
237 King Street
Charleston
Charleston County
South Carolina

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Address: 237 King Street, Charleston, Charleston County,
South Carolina.

Occupancy: Vacant.

Statement of
Significance: A mid-19th century commercial front building with
interesting architectural character, employing
cast-iron elements. Condition is sound; painted
surfaces are deteriorating. Built c. 1850.
Occupied for many years by W. P. Cart Company,
jewelers; recently vacated by them.

ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

This building is built of cast iron and stucco; has a 20' frontage;
three stories; three bays wide. Faces east.

First story: Elliptical-arcaded; pilasters at ends (capitals now
missing), Roman Corinthian columns between. Archivolt. Cornice
ended by blocks supported on foliated consoles. Store windows and
doors appear modern.

Second story: Blank semielliptical arches frame windows, which have
rectangular openings, pediments above supported on foliated consoles.
This story is crowned by a molded string course, consisting of an
ovolo over a bead and cavetto, with a fillet between them.

Third story: Rectangular windows framed within rectangular recesses;
cornice above supported on foliated consoles. Above this is a plain
frieze containing four large consoles; the two at the ends carry end
blocks, those between carry a projecting double-curved pediment.
There is a low parapet above the cornice of the side bays.

Site: This building is on the west side of King Street between
Market and Beaufain Streets.

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